Uncovered Manholes in Delhi

891. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:
SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the death of a boy who fell into an uncovered manhole in Mansarover Garden in Delhi on the 13th November, 1991;

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard;

(c) the details of deaths due to fall in manholes in MCD areas during the last three years; and

(d) what measures are being contemplated by Government to ensure that manholes are properly covered in the city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is reported that the manhole cover was broken due to frequent movement of heavy loaded trucks over it, going coming from Premises No. D-11, Mansarover Garden, New Delhi. Report has been lodged with the Police to take action against the person occupying premises No. D-11, Mansarover Garden and the matter is now under police investigation.

(c) The detail of deaths during the last three years is being ascertained and information will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(d) The N.D.M.C. has given instructions to the Maintenance as well as Conservancy staff to exercise greater vigil. In order to reduce pilferage of cast iron manhole covers steel-fibre rainforced concerete covers are being used. The M.C.D. and D.D.A. have reported that necessary instructions have already been given to the field staff to ensure that uncoverd manholes are covered as soon as it is reported by any authority or person. MCD has further reported that action has been initiated against a number of officials for negligence of duties.

आवासीय इकाइयों के आवंटन में अनियमितताएं

892. श्री राम जेठमलानी :
डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

क्या शहरी विकास मंत्री यह बताने कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा निर्मित आवासीय इकाइयों के आवंटन में बड़े पैमाने पर अनियमितताओं की जानकारी है, और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) क्या सरकार ने उक्त आरोपों की जांच एक गैर विभागीय एजेंसी के माध्यम से कराने का निर्णय किया है, और यदि हां तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० अरुणाचलम) : (क) और (ख) फ्लैटों का नियतन/आवंटन दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण से बाहर के जजों की उपस्थिति में समय-समय पर कम्प्यूटर ड्रा द्वारा किया जाता है। ये ड्रा निर्धारित प्रक्रिया द्वारा नीति निर्देशों के अनुसार किए जाते हैं। इसको देखते हुए दिल्ली विकास प्राधिकरण ने सूचित किया है कि किसी प्रकार की अनियमितता का प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Unauthorised Construction in New Delhi

893. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report appearing in the Indian Express dated 26th September, 1991 regarding construction of a building worth crores of rupees allegedly with the involvement of architecture Department of NDMC;

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken thereto; and